

# G006 : FAQ – Cantilever Pontoon Lifts

## Frequently Asked Questions : CANTILEVER PONTOON LIFTS

### Q How long of a lift do I need for my Pontoon boat?

1. Usually it is better to buy a lift that is longer than the deck of your boat. This allows you to use the bow stops to help you dock your boat. In addition, you will then have a longer lift for the bigger boat you will probably buy in the future.
2. It is acceptable to use a shorter lift and will save you some money. However, it is a little harder to dock on a shorter lift. The front and the rear of the boat should hang off the lift equally.

### Q Can I mount the winch on either side of the lift?

1. New Style, Smooth Sided Winches: Yes.
2. Old Style, Fluted or "Ruffles" Sided Winches: Must be modified before they can be moved. Otherwise the winch will be mounted upside down and the lift won't stay up.  
Modification: Remove the mounting channel from the end of the winch and reattach it to the other end. This requires removal and reinstallation of 4 carriage bolts. Make certain that the slot in the mounting channel stays opposite the drum.

### Q Why won't my lift stay up?

1. The winch may be wound backwards. Clockwise: up. Counterclockwise: down.
2. If you have a fluted or "ruffles" sided winch, it may be mounted upside down. (see 2. above)

### Q Can I use just one pair of legs to raise the back of my lift higher?

Maybe. The bottom of the lift needs to be supported every 8', so it may be necessary to add more than 1 set of legs.

### Q How do I tell which model lift I have?

We have built 2 styles of Cantilever Pontoon Lifts. The wide lift was built for old style pontoon boats with small diameter (17"-19") pontoons. The narrower, taller lifts we now build are for new pontoon boats with large diameter pontoons. Use the chart below to determine which lift you have.

